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THE CHURCH'S FUNCTION IN THE COMMUNITY

(EDITOR'S NOTE—*The following excerpts are from a recent talk by Elder R. Kendall Thomas of the High Council, delivered at Oakland ward. They contain a challenge to every thinking person who questions the value of the Church in our civilization.*)

Roger W. Babson has estimated that there are in the U. S. today approximately 58 million people who claim no affiliation with any Church. It is interesting to note that most of the crime, the trouble, the disaster, fall within this group. Need we ask ourselves the question—has the Church a place in the community?

Life, as we know it, builds through five great institutions: Home, School, Church, Industry and government. Like the focal point in a well-balanced picture, the Church stands supremely center smiling on Home, blessing School, hallowing Industry, guiding Government. Closely knit as shadow-fingers, the Church reflects the great thumb which completes an indispensable grasp on the other four.

. . . Edmund Burke asserted: "Society is a solemn compact between the dead, the living and the unborn." Where, may I ask, is the carryover, the influence, stronger or more pronounced, than in the Church?

"If you search the world," said Plutarch, "you may find cities without walls, without letters, without kings, without money; but none ever saw a city without a Deity, without a Temple, or without prayers."

What do we make of it all? Obviously the nearer any community draws toward the Church, the finer that community becomes. The more any community learns about the true art of sharing, the safer that community becomes. There is an old Chinese proverb which says in effect: Unite the wealth, divide the people—divide the wealth, unite the people. In various forms, great givers are great receivers. The selfless man, not burdened to the extreme, is the happy man. Communities thrive where "doers of the Word" live by the call "where much is given, much is expected." . . . Mortimer L. Schiff, a Jew, contributed $25,000 toward the erection of a Church (not of his faith) because he believed—among other things—that his contacts and accounts were safer in a Church community.

. . . Beth Hines calls the spirit of sharing "The Priceless Gift," in the following poem:

I gained a little truth and called it mine,
While greedily I hugged it to my breast.
I claimed unto myself its power divine
And said that it was hidden from the rest.
But as I clutched it faded from my sight
And I was left alone with empty hands.
Once more I started searching for the light
And wandered far and wide in foreign lands

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JUNE CONFERENCE

Large delegations of both Stake and ward officers are planning to attend the June conferences of the M.I.A. and primary associations in Salt Lake City, June 6-7-8. Special rates have been announced by the railroads, sale dates June 3-4-5, with return limit of 20 days. Round trips will be $16.35 coach, $18.35 tourist and $25.00 first class.

HIGH COUNCIL CHANGES

Four high councilmen were released at the morning session of the quarterly conference, and two alternates and two new members were sustained to succeed them. Those released were Elders Don J. Allphin, Claude M. Dewsnup,

Marcel Lauper

Garney Johnson

Grant Ellis and Victor C. Lindblad. To replace them, Elders Robert J. Larsen and Rufus O. Phelps, who have hitherto been alternate members, and Marcel Lauper and Garney Johnson, were selected.

The period of service of the first three brethren released goes back several years, some time prior to the division of San Francisco Stake and Oakland Stake; Elder Lindblad is of more recent appointment, but his daily work has necessitated his release.

Robert G. Larsen was made an alternate high councilman in November, 1940, and has been supervising genealogical work. Rufus O. Phelps became an alternate and the next conference in February, 1941, and has been assigned to welfare work.

Marcel Lauper, who at the time of his selection was one of the presidents of the 247th Quorum of Seventy, has long been active in mission work. He has filled a two-year foreign mission and since his return has been very active in Stake missionary work and in M.I.A. He is as yet unmarried. His special assignment will be adult Aaronic priesthood work, which is closely allied to missionary work.

Garney Johnson has been serving several

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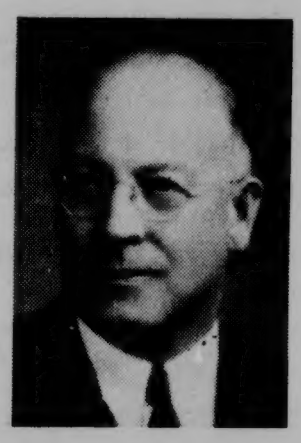
JOSEPH SMITH SAID:

"I recommend that the saints cultivate a high state of perfection in their music . . . To attain this, the requirements of music depend on the attainment of the Holy Spirit. When this subject is studied and sought after by the musicians of the saints, with their whole hearts, their songs and anthems and their minstrelsy will soften into celestial melody, melt the hearts of the saints and draw them together as the magnet needle is drawn to the lode stone."

"God sent His singers upon the earth
With songs of sadness and of mirth,
That they might touch the hearts of men
And bring them back to heaven again."
—Longfellow.

PRESIDING BISHOP VISITOR AT QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Presiding Bishop LeGrande Richards was the official visitor under whose direction the regular quarterly conference was held May 10, 11. The occasion marked his first appearance in this Stake in that capacity.



Bishop Richards

The Aaronic priesthood, at whose head the presiding bishopric stands, was featured. Bishop Richards addressed the boys and their leaders at their separate session on Saturday evening, and then addressed the joint meeting with the Melchizadek quorums. He particularly stressed the efforts to have quorums attain standard quorum awards, and the enthusiasm was such that whereas only two quorums in the Stake achieved this award for 1940, pledges were obtained from every ward and branch for 1941. The two quorums given recognition for 1940 by Bishop Richards were the deacons and teachers of Oakland ward.

The Sunday morning session saw the chapel filled to capacity. A brief welcome and a report from President Hilton on conditions in the Stake coupled with words of admonition and encouragement began the session. He was followed by President W. Glenn Harmon who pointed to the fact that Utah is one of the two states leading the union in producing great people and in fewest convictions of crime; this, he said, was demonstrable, concrete proof of the practical working of Mormonism. Elder John Soelberg then addressed the audience, taking as his theme the Sermon on the Mount as the only hope for peace on earth. Mother's Day was recognized and came in for its part on the program. Elder Don C. Wood of the high council spoke on the mothers of Israel and the Latter-day Saint conception of marriage and the family.

Bishop Richards closed the session with his own tribute to motherhood. He stated that ours is the only Church that believes in the eternity of the family, and he stressed the value of ward teaching and of family prayer in building well the home. "I am not a big enough man," he said, "to rear my family as the Lord would have them reared without family prayer."

Hayward ward served a hot luncheon following the morning session.

First speaker in the afternoon service was President Clyde J. Summerhays. His theme was service and he pointed to the great in history who achieved greatness through service. "The world today is sick," he said. "It will continue

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PIONEER DAY TO BE CELEBRATED

Oakland Stake will again fittingly commemorate Pioneer Day on July 24th. The M.I.A. Stake boards will have charge of the affair. Committees are now being appointed and more details will be announced in the next issue. A program of events for both young and old will be held.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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Until at last compassion touched my heart.
For those who walked beside me on the way,
And to each one I gladly gave a part
Of all I had—nor asked for any pay,
And so my search was ended; for I found
The priceless gift I reckoned could be bought.
For I had shared—and, in the sharing, found,
At last the Truth I eagerly had sought.
. . .

It was Frank Bushman who said: "There is not enough for the greed of all—but surely enough for the need of all." It is in this spirit that the Church—and coincidentally, this great nation of ours—have gone steadily forward—not without danger and perilous warnings (for there are those within the Church and nation who still subscribe to the doctrine of something for nothing)—but fundamentally sound in belief and action that right and unselfishness shall prevail. Early leaders were possessed with godly impulses and desires to extend that which was for the good of the smaller group, to the world at large.

It is not generally realized that the government of these United States which came formally into existence a century and a half ago is now the oldest of all governments existing in the world. It is the only one which has not changed in essential principles or revolutionized in the past century and a half. A great tribute to the Founding Fathers!

When the Constitution had been agreed upon by the convention in September, 1787, and submitted to each of the 13 states for their consideration and hoped-for ratification, Benjamin Franklin, most farseeing of men, wrote these words to Monsieur Grand, a friend in France, sending him at the same time a copy of the proposed new constitution for the American states: "If it succeeds, I do not see why you might not in Europe carry the project of good Henry IV into execution by forming a federal union and one grand republic of all its different states and kingdoms, by means of a like convention, for we had many interests to reconcile." (Works of Benj. Franklin, edited by John Bigelow (New York, 1888) Vol. IX, p. 442, and from notes by Nicholas Murray Butler.)

It seems plain, therefore, that those men who planned with so much wisdom and so much foresight the Constitution of the United States felt that they were dealing with forces and ideals which might well be not only American, but world-wide.

. . . The federal principle and its application upon an increasingly large scale have been before the minds of men for hundreds of years. One seer after another, and one farsighted statesman after another have proclaimed and interpreted the federal principle as essential to the peaceful, orderly maintenance and development of civilizations. Few declarations of this principle are more significant or more definite than this prophecy written in autograph by Victor Hugo on the wall of the room in Paris where he died.

"I represent a party which does not yet exist: The party of revolution—civilization. This party will make the twentieth century. There will issue from it, first the United States of Europe, then the United States of the World."

In the true spirit of sharing, Jefferson did more, perhaps, than any other statesman to free the human spirit. Note the inscription which he wrote for his own tombstone:

"Here was buried Thos. Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, of the Statute of Virginia for religious freedom, and father of the University of Virginia." The inscription is more eloquent for what it *does not say* than for what it says. There is not one word in it to show that he had been a member of the Congress of the United States, Minister to France, Secretary of State, and that he held the highest office in the gift of his fellow countrymen—the Presidency.

"He wanted to be known not for the positions of distinction he had held but for the service he had rendered humanity." Never for one moment did he forget the common people. His burning passion was to give them the more abundant life. He was a founder of the School of Give. He fostered comradeship—making brothers of you and me; taught we should manifest an interest in people not for the purpose of exploiting them but for the purpose of assisting them to higher and happier levels of living; that we should love our fellow man for what we can do for him, not for what we can squeeze out of him. Jefferson's humanitarian principles, radiating love and helpfulness, will never die, but will go on doing good forever. . . .

Good men—great men—the world over, do not wear themselves out in fostering and promoting good. They crack and break up because opposing forces steeped in envy and suspicion set up barriers that no good thing can enter. That is why *good men* must go on and on until this *good thing*, whatever it may be, actually catches on—takes hold in sufficient numbers—and unselfishly proves there is a better way.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE

Alameda: Rufus Phelps, John G. Shields.
Berkeley: Delbert F. Wright, Marcel Lauper.
Claremont: Wayne E. Mayhew, Leo H. Crandall.
Dimond: Garney Johnson, Le Roi B. Gardner.
Elmhurst: Don C. Wood, Francis Gealta.
Hayward: Wm. J. Nielsen, Oscar Fontana.
Martinez: Nathan G. Tolman, Geo. E. Southgate.
Maxwell Park: W. Glenn Harmon.
Napa: Kendall Thomas, I. B. Ball.
Oakland: Clyde Summerhays
Pittsburg: Robert Larsen, Wm. E. Potts.
Richmond: Eugene Hilton.
Vallejo, Hugh Anderson, Claude M. Dewsnip.

WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR JUNE, 1941

OBEDIENCE

Every properly constituted society is governed by law. This is necessary to avoid conflict and confusion, whether that society be a nation, a state, a city, a family or a church.

Laws are made for the protection of society, and the individuals who constitute it. They are made to protect the weaker members from those who would take advantage of them. They are made to establish equality among individuals and groups. They are made to safeguard "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

When civil laws are obeyed there are harmony, peace, and order. When they are broken there are confusion, strife, and frequently suffering, and loss of life.

Laws are as necessary in the Church as in a state or nation. Laws in the Church, if obeyed, establish order and unity. The difference between man-made laws and those which govern the Church is that the laws of the Church are established upon the principles of eternal truth and are not subject to the weaknesses of men.

We are told that "Order is the first law of heaven." While it is true that order prevails in heaven, it is also true that without obedience to law there could be no order.

It is a part of the religion of the true Latter-day Saint to render obedience to all laws. The Articles of Faith clearly establish our belief in "honoring, obeying, and sustaining" the law of the land.

The revelations, the teachings of our Church leaders, and the Gospel itself stress obedience to the laws of God, which are the laws of the Church.

Obedience and blessings are inseparable in the Gospel plan. Until a person accepts the principle of obedience he cannot receive the promised blessings. Truly, "Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

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years as president of the first quorum of elders. He is a native of Idaho, but moved to Springville, Utah, at an early date. While attending school there, he was president of the high school student body, was winner of the scholastic award presented by a local bank, and also won the all-round athletic award. He attended the University of Utah for one year, then came to California in 1928 to be with Standard Brands of California, Inc. He was married to Marie Neerings of Salt Lake City in 1930, and they now have four children. Since living here he has been very active in both Sunday school and M.I.A. He coached the Oakland ward basketball team in 1939, the year it won the Church championship. His assignment on the high council will be to the Melchizadek priesthood committee, with immediate supervision over elders' quorums.

FROM THE MESSENGER TEN YEARS AGO

Garff B. Wilson, a Mormon boy of Berkeley ward, was the honor speaker for the senior class of the University of California commencement exercises. Addressing some 2678 graduates and their numerous friends, Wilson hurled a broadside against the cynics; the Mencken cult he characterized as "smart-aleck outbursts" and, in a ringing challenge, said: "If some men cannot have faith in a future life, must we all, then cease having faith in this life?"

President Robert G. Sproul said to the graduates. "I urge you to put your faith in those eternal verities which cannot be seen or proved, but which will give scope to your aspirations, zest to your efforts and fruitfulness to your living."

Hollywood Stake was reorganized with LeGrande Richards as its president, David H. Cannon and Charles H. Norberg as his counselors.

The death of Elder Orson F. Whitney occurred May 16, 1931.

MISSIONARIES INCREASING

Two missionary farewell parties were held in May and an additional one is scheduled for June 6th. Phyl Hilton of Dimond was tendered a farewell on May 9th, and John A. Soelberg

Phyl Hilton

John A. Soelberg

Neil H. Christensen

of Berkeley on May 23rd. Elder Soelberg will be the second in the field at the present time from Berkeley. On June 6th, a farewell will be tendered by Dimond ward to Neil H. Christensen, who will be the seventh in the field from that ward. At a joint surprise party, he and Elder Hilton were honored by the Dimond Book of Mormon club on May 2nd.

Elder Hilton goes to the northern states, Elder Soelberg to the eastern states, where both his father and his mother previously served, and Elder Christensen will go to Argentina. With these three additions, the Stake will have a total of 18 in the field, within striking distance of the quota of 25.

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thus until the gospel is accepted. The trouble is: what the world most needs it does not want; what it wants it does not need."

Two retiring members of the high council, Elders Don J. Allphin and Claude M. Dewsnup, each bore strong testimonies. They were followed by President Marie T. Lindsay of the Young Women's M.I.A. Elder Phyl Hilton, departing for a two-year mission, then spoke briefly, and was followed by Bishop Willard Knowles of Martinez, who said we should not forget the girls in stressing activity for the boys.

Bishop Richards, who was the concluding speaker, urged the importance of attending fast meeting, the only official hour of worship in the Church. He quoted Francis M. Lyman, who, when asked why he made such strenuous efforts always to be at his meetings, replied: "I'm afraid the Lord might have a message for me and I wouldn't be there to get it." Bishop Cannon bore a strong testimony, saying it had come to him as a boy. He said that he had found the more he gave to the Church the more he became indebted to the Lord; he was never able to square the ledger, because the more he gave the more he received from the Lord. He spoke of the law of sacrifice inaugurated in the days of the Garden of Eden and carried out by the Saviour himself. Today that law is exemplified to us by the law of tithing and the law of service. The law of tithing is not a matter of dollars and cents, he said, but a matter of rendering accounting to the God of Israel under this ancient law of sacrifice. And he quoted his father, Elder George F. Richards, as saying that "No business, corporation or industry will pay you as big dividends as the Church."

The evening session, conducted by the new Stake superintendent of M.I.A., Elder LeRoi Gardner, concluded the conference. A varied program made up of choice selections rendered throughout the past season by the M.I.A., was presented, followed by a short closing sermon by Bishop Richards.

Music for the conference sessions was furnished by the Mormon Male Chorus and the Martinez Ward Ladies' Choral.

BERKELEY COUPLE MARRIED IN TEMPLE

Miss Amy Brinton and Newel T. Call, popular young couple of Berkeley, were united in marriage in the Salt Lake Temple, May 29. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Brinton of Rexburg, Idaho, was a student at the Brigham Young University and the Utah State Agricultural College. She has resided in Berkeley for the past two years. The groom is a graduate of the San Bernardino Junior College and of the University of California. He is at present employed as a chemist at the El Dorado Oil Co. The newlyweds will make their home in Berkeley.

STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY

Plans are going ahead rapidly for the celebration of the Relief Society Centennial. Sarah Carruth has been selected to act as general chairman for the Stake, with Ruth Hilton as chairman of drama and Ada Linblad of music. Other committees will be formed later, and committees will be established in the wards to work with the State committees.

Adrien Gee, who was a former member of the Stake board, will act as chairman of the enlistment committee, taking charge of the new drive for members.

The union meeting for May was made into a rather special affair. A skit which portrayed the second meeting of the "Female Relief Society of Nauvoo," and which was written for the occasion by Pres. Anna Ellsworth, was produced by the wards, assisted and directed by Ruth Hilton. A dessert of ice cream, strawberries and cookies was served and plans were discussed for the summer and for the Centennial. An original song, written especially for the Centennial by Ada Linblad, was presented for the first time by a trio from the Claremont ward.

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M. I. A. CLOSES SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Stake honor festivities held at the Berkeley chapel early in May marked the close of a most successful M.I.A. season. THE MESSENGER has been requested to convey the thanks of the two Stake boards to all ward officers and members for their ready response made at all times during the season to all calls. By reason of the fine cooperation which has been manifest, a large step has been taken toward a successful start of the summer's activities. An inspiring manual entitled "The Summer Way for M.I.A." has been prepared by the general board and is now in circulation.

Beehive swarm night, held April 25th at the Berkeley chapel, was probably the most successful ever held. Almost 300 people attended. Mrs. Lella Erickson was in charge of the affair, and awards were presented by Mrs. Marie Thomas of the general board. Two girls achieved the distinction of becoming Honor Beehive Girls—Mary Lou Coombs and Joyce Hopkins. Following the main program, the girls were given opportunity to earn honor badges on inter-nation interest through dancing and costume. They presented a most colorful program, consisting of native costumes and dances of various nations.

A TRIBUTE TO REED SMOOT

(EDITOR'S NOTE—*Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, who succeeded to the seat of Senator Reed Smoot in the United States Senate, delivered the following tribute over Radio Station KUTA. Upon request of Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, the speech was printed in the Congressional Record on Monday, February 17, at page A715. Senator Thomas was at one time a resident of Berkeley ward.*)

Senator Smoot has closed a career of strength and attainment. He has been a church leader, he has been acclaimed by the electorate, he has been a national leader.

It is not odd that one who represented an opposite political party with widely modified views on public policy should speak a eulogy of Senator Smoot. After all, we had so much in common. We loved Utah dearly. We respected the Senate. We have both had an unswerving loyalty, I am sure, to the people of this Nation and toward its Government.

Utahans in Washington were deeply shocked and saddened by Senator Smoot's passing. Imagine yourself to be a boy, if you will, at the crossroads of youth, "broke" but ambitious, half through college, not too hopeful that the world or any fraction thereof could help you. Then someone says to you, "Write Senator Smoot," and the doors are opened to you to opportunity, even greatness. It is no wonder that Utahans in Washington were shocked and saddened at his passing. He had been for decades the mentor of many of these good people. In the deepest humility, if I were given to envy, I should envy having their trust and fellowship, having their open admiration, and I should be happy to know that the seeds which I had planted had grown into such a splendid garden.

One cannot quarrel with things like these. Reed Smoot observed the Word of Wisdom strictly, and those in and out of the church will not be offended, but many thousands were encouraged, at his example in morality. In the Senate he did many routine things which less hard working or more spectacular men would refuse to do. He worked and worked hard. It is a thankless job to become a tax expert. So long as our tariff policy was in the reign, as partly contrasted with our trade-agreement policy of the Hull administration, Senator Smoot made creditable bargains for Utah industries. High

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tariff was part of our national policy long before Senator Smoot was chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and this being our national policy it is to the eternal credit of my predecessor in the Senate that he never missed an opportunity to place Utah industry up there on top. This is to say that he was vigilant, patriotic, commanding. He was an indefatigable worker. I honor him for his sincerity and his capacity for effort.

Senator Smoot was plain spoken. He was not ambidextrous politically. A good campaigner, he nevertheless was not wily or artful. He presented his arguments in a forthright manner and did not hedge when an issue was presented. He made a strong fight and a good effort, but definitely was not an opportunist. He did not know how to be dishonest with a piece of legislation as with money. So far as my whole career of public study of personalities may lead me, I cannot find one sham statement, false premise, or act of misrepresentation in his public career. In Washington let me, above all places, commend his memory that he was not cute, covert, or sly. On the contrary, his political manliness was something one must admire and revere.

Senator Smoot handled his mail as capably, efficiently, and promptly as any person I know of who has been in the Senate. His capable staff was the admiration of my staff, and their relations have always been more than cordial; they have been friendly. When my secretary arrived in Washington on St. Valentine's Day 8 years ago, in advance of the rest of us who were to take office on March 4, he was greeted by Ike Stewart, introduced where it would do him and me lasting good, and told enough of his duties to smooth the way toward an eminently successful start.

The point is that Senator Smoot's own attitude toward his office people was reflected in their attitude toward us. They took joy in their work. To this moment, 8 years later, they are loyal and devoted to the memory of their chief. Smoot's secretaries are sprinkled far and wide. They are together in this hour, 30 years of them, 8 more years since the last were in office. Carl Badger, who opened Senator Smoot's office with him, passed on ahead.

In many ways Senator Smoot's life was heroic. He had, as many know, lingering illness within his family walls for many, many years, such as might discourage a less kindly nature. He kept at his tasks energetically and exercised restraint, wisdom, patience, and sympathetic understanding, if one were close enough to him to know or to guess at his burdens.

In the church, Apostle Smoot was called to a position of the utmost responsibility and trust. Living so long outside of Utah, it was important how he lived and what examples he might set. Men in public eye are public target. Those on the opposite side of the aisle watch some with anticipatory relish, for a slip of character that may be dressed up and paraded to the public servant's shame. A public position is a public trust. One must be like Caesar's wife, above suspicion. And if a prominent churchman, the temptation to wrong or to foul such a one is doubly great and his life must be doubly virtuous. It need not be said here that Reed Smott's life and works were good for the church, for its outside reputation and understanding. No doubt the dual high affiliation was most difficult for him on many occasions, for one can scarcely expect to find church and state a synonym at least in American history, but I am sure Senator Smoot rose to every test of good citizenship and ecclesiastical authority with such sense and grace that the natural barrier between the two interests never was an obstacle, and the net result was good salesmanship for a splendid Utah ecclesiastical organization which, generally speaking, has not been advantageously presented to the outside world except sporadically.

Need I say, then that the world has lost a giant? It was my proud privilege to take the floor of the Senate and say as much.

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CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

The Gleaners are proud to have two of the new Stake officers from our group—Norma Lawry, vice-president, and Yvonne Dean, secretary.

June 12th, the Relief Society is holding its annual work and business meeting, and June 18th the Relief Society ladies are going to the Stake project.

To help the Relief Society obtain silverware, would anyone having silverware coupons that they are not using send them to Claremont's Relief Society. Especially Sperry's, Gold Medal and Post coupons are welcome.

The officers of the primary held an officers' and teachers' meeting and social at Nan Millward's home on May 23rd.

The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Elmer Harker, scoutmaster, went to the Boy Scout camp for the May 24th week-end.

Lucille Jeffries, Bee-Hive teacher, held a party for her swarm at her new home in Orinda, May 16th.

Harold Gaisford, chairman of the Aaronic Brotherhood program, took charge of the Sunday evening sacrament meeting May 18th. The theme of the evening was "The Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood."

Roberta and Selden Millward left recently for a visit in Grantsville, Utah, taking Ruth B. Zuppann, who will visit in Salt Lake City

Elizabeth Burdett left for Burbank, California, to visit her daughter, Marie Burdett Compton.

May 27th, the Relief Society held a surprise party for Sister Rawson. Mr. and Mrs. Rawson have moved to a new home.

The Gleaners and M-Men of Claremont ward to attend the Northern California M-men and Gleaner convention are Jane and Norma Lowry, Yvonne Deen, Helen Burdett, Ruth Tarter and Dorothy Perry, Kay Ladry, Royal Chase, Donald Westcott and Don Wood.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at Chapel end of Arch Street

On March 22nd a one-act play, "Mush rooms Coming Up," was presented by the Oakland ward at our regular mutual meeting. The play was well presented and enjoyed by the large group in attendance.

Audrey Johnson has had her sister, Mrs. Claudia Winn of Eureka, Utah, as a visitor at her home. Mrs. Johnson and her son, Jerry, are now visiting with relatives in Utah.

Margaret Jenkinson is ill in the hospital

The Bee-Hive Girls, under the direction of Elsie Brown, presented the program at sacrament meeting, May 4th.

A large crowd was in attendance and enjoyed a very fine program for Mother's Day. The program was under the direction of Natalie Sant.

W. Glenn Harmon of the Stake presidency was the speaker at our sacrament meeting, May 18th.

On May 8th, the Relief Society was entertained at a party at the home of Elsie Nix. Mrs. Nix, Elsie Knowles and Bertha Cook were hostesses.

Hattie Vom Darp enjoyed a surprise visit recently from her two brothers of Salt Lake.

Roberta Storey has her mother, Mrs. Nicholas, of Willard, Utah, visiting at her home in Crockett.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

An exceptionally fine program was enjoyed by members of the ward on Easter morning at the Sunday School services. Archie Inger, author of "The Rejected Crown," was the guest speaker; George Gibson Davis, noted radio personality and voice critic, gave the reading, "The Soldier at the Tomb of Christ," and Abrasha Brodsky, world-famous pianist, rendered two piano selections.

The deacons' and teachers' quorums of Oakland ward won again in 1940 the Standard Quorum Awards offered by the presiding bishopric of the Church. Of the six awards won by Oakland Stake in the past three years, these quorums have won five. We feel this is quite an honor and are very proud of our boys.

The family relationship class held their closing party for the season on May 7th, at the home of Emma Smith. Those present enjoyed a number of beautiful readings given by Ruth Phillips, after which refreshments were served. On Thursday, May 22, the Relief Society held their closing social. Lovely vocal numbers were sung by Mary Neilson; Mary Russell played a number of organ selections; Lorraine Whiffen gave a number of readings, and the lesson was very well presented by Sarah Carruth.

The primary presidency has been reorganized with Olenna Banks as superintendent, Katherine Norberg as first counselor, Bernita Wissmar as second counselor, and Lucille Naylor as secretary.

A lovely tea was held Sunday, May 18, at the home of Mrs. Glenn Gee in honor of Mildred and Robert Bradley, who are moving to Portland, Oregon. The ward wishes Mildred and Bob much good fortune and joy in their new home.

Mrs. R. C. Hopkins and Sybil Hopkins of Salt Lake City are visiting with their daughter and sister, Alta McClay, and family. Mrs. Hansen of Salt Lake City is visiting with her daughter, Esther Cooley. Irene Ranker is visiting in St. George with her father.

Dr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Hart are rejoicing over the birth of their third daughter, who arrived on May 17.

The ward wishes a speedy recovery to its faithful member, Joseph Thoresen, who is in the Veterans' Hospital in San Francisco, recuperating from a knee operation.

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VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

April 29th being an extra Tuesday, the Relief Society enjoyed a delightful spring luncheon and get-acquainted party; also a short program. The affair was very successful and enjoyed by everyone. There were 44 adults and eight children present.

Among the events given in the past few weeks to be added to the building fund are the Relief Society dinner, basketball game given by the M-Men and Gleaners, cabaret given by the Mutual, F. and G. basketball game and the Mutual dance.

On Sunday evening, May 11th, under the direction of Ward Superintendent Georgia Coleman the Primary conducted their conference. "The Restoration of the Gospel" was portrayed in tableau by the various classes and was very interesting. Stake Superintendent Dorothy Stone and several of her board members were in attendance and were well pleased, as was also everyone present.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dusenburry are visiting in Salt Lake City, and report a wonderful trip.

Mrs. Alvin G. Cheshire has returned from Salt Lake City, where she was called because of the sudden death of her father, Wm. F. Handley, who passed away just two weeks after his return from Vallejo where he had spent the winter with his son-in-law and daughter, Bishop and Mrs. A. G. Cheshire.

Sunday evening, May 18, was Aaronic priesthood night and with Priest R. A. Dow in charge a delightful evening was enjoyed by all present. This being High Council assignment we were very fortunate to have visiting us President of High Priests George E. Southgate, Harry R. Fletcher, George D. Bennet, Le Roy S. Hill and their wives. We were favored with a short talk by Bro. Harvey Fletcher and Bro. Southgate gave an inspiring talk on "Be An American."

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

John Anders Anderson has been selected to act as second counselor to Gifford Jackson in the Sunday School. Manton Moody has been sustained as the new teacher for the gospel doctrine class.

The Relief Society is making an effort to raise funds for furnishing their Relief Society room. On the evening of May 28th, they held a dinner, program, bazaar and exhibit. Members from all over the Stake were in attendance, and as a special feature to aid in the drive for membership, and make the people of the ward Centennial conscious, the "First Relief Society" skit, which was written by Sister Anna Ellsworth for our last union meeting, was reproduced here in Elmhurst. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Mother's Day program, which was held a week late on account of Conference, was one of the outstanding events of the month. Songs and poems for the occasion were furnished by the wee tots from the Junior Sunday School. Talks on the lives of famous mothers—Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, and Lucy Mack Smith, the mother of the Prophet Joseph—were given by Ruth Schader and Betty Brummet. Bro. William E. Nielsen then spoke, paying a tribute to mothers. Each mother present was presented with a corsage, which was passed by members of the first intermediate class. Sister Rachel Brown was given a special bouquet, and was selected as our Sunday School Mother as she is not only the oldest mother in the ward, but she also has the most children; and, although she is past 70, she is actively engaged in teaching Sunday School. Everyone enjoyed the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Pease, who have been living in China for the past eight years, are visiting in Elmhurst. Mrs. Pease is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Moody (recently moved here from Berkeley) and a sister of Mrs. Ruth Ostegar.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Smith have left for a vaction in northern California and Oregon. They will visit their old home at Eugene, Oregon.

Arthur Smithen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smithen, has been drafted into the United States Army and left for camp on Monday, May 19th.

Gaines Nelms, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Nelms, was operated on Sunday, May 18th, for acute appendicitis.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th St. and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

We are glad to welcome to our ward Mrs. Lucy Palmer Monley, Jr., of Granitesville, Utah, recent bride of Timothy Monley, Jr.; Mrs. Mary Muir Keddington of Salt Lake City, recent bride of A. Jarvis Keddington; Brother Max E. Jones of Tooele, Utah, who has been given a position in the ward Boy Scouts; Miss Eva Pickette from Dimond ward; also Brother and Sister Wanless and family of Dimond ward.

We are very glad to have Russell Johnson, first counselor in Sunday School, back with us after a brief illness confining him to the hospital.

On Mother's Day a very fine program was given in which a lovely talk was given by Patricia Fish of Dimond ward. A number of children took part on the program, and several musical numbers were rendered. A flower was presented to each mother.

On May 13th a Welcome-to-Richmond party was given in honor of Jarvis Keddington and wife, who were married in Salt Lake Temple April 9th.

We are very sorry to learn of the illness of William Bingham. We were also sorry to hear of the short illness of La Reine Bradford.

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MAXWELL PARK WARD

Services Held in Masonic Hall, Corner Foothill Boulevard and Mason Street

The Relief Society held a party on the fifth Tuesday of last month and had as their guests members from Dimond and Elmhurst wards. A lovely program was presented on which Jessie Beard danced a native Hawaiian hula and Permelia Bassett gave a very interesting account of her early and present days in Relief Society work. Refreshments were served, carrying out the National Relief Society colors.

A surprise shower was held in honor of Hazel and Bill Matheson on their twelfth wedding anniversary. Many lovely gifts were received.

It was a grand and inspirational occasion when, last fast Sunday, five grown men, recent converts, were confirmed members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Beehive girls had charge of the M.I.A. Sacrament meeting and presented a lovely program honoring the mothers.

Members of the choir enjoyed a most exciting boat trip on the *M. S. Edith*. Highlights of the trip were Alcatraz Island, San Quentin Prison and Paradise Cove.

We are glad to see Sister Francine Martinez doing so well after her operation.

We are happy to welcome Ina Mathewson home after an extended stay in Los Angeles and Arizona doing Temple work.

Katherine Matheson has as her guests her daughter, Anne Swiegard, and grand-daughter.

Our ward's first missionary has received his call. It's Richard Allphin. He is to go on a Spanish-American mission, leaving sometime in September.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brossard have moved to Nicolaus, California, where Mr. Brossard is employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Fred Ellsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ellsworth, left early this month for Ontario, California, to join the California Aero Training Corps.

NAPA BRANCH

Meetings Held at Chamber of Commerce Building, Corner Clay and Brown Streets

Mr. Rex L. Bridges was chosen as Branch clerk of the Napa Branch to take the place of Elmer Lathrop, whose work kept him from continuing in the office. Mr. Lathrop has served as Branch clerk for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tucker were called away on account of the serious illness of Mr. Tucker's sister who lives in Denver, Colorado. The Tuckers were accompanied by Miss June Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brasher were also called home to Utah by the death of Mr. Brasher's father. Mrs. Brasher will remain in Utah for a few weeks to dispose of some property.

About thirty people, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hall, were surprise guests at a housewarming party recently. Mr. and Mrs. Hall were presented with a Mixmaster by their uninvited guests. A tempting buffet luncheon was served by Mrs. Mary Hall, mother of the host. Guests were shown through the beautiful new home and grounds of the Halls on Seymour Street.

The combined Sunday School classes, Juniors and Seniors, enjoyed a skating party at Sonoma this month. About twenty young folks participated in the fun, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tucker and Mrs. Orta Prescott.

Visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Stewart, and grandson, Rex Bridges, is Mrs. Roy Bridges of Richfield, Utah.

The Priesthood Quorum have as their project this year the planting of a garden. They expect to raise tomatoes and other vegetables for the Relief Society canning project.

The Napa Relief Society are planning a

theatre party to close this year's busy season.

We regret the loss of two families from our Branch. The Altmans and Swensons. Mr. Swenson and Mr. Altman have been gone for sometime and their wives and children will leave as soon as school is out. Mr. Swenson is employed as steward on a State patrol ship and his family will live at Monterey. Mr. Altman is employed at the State Hospital in Camarilla, where his family will join him.

HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

A dinner, sponsored by the Hayward building committee, at the last conference, was a great success. Two hundred and twenty were served, netting the building fund $50.00.

The members of our ward wish to express their gratitude to Mr. George G. Davis and to the singer, Mr. Louis Martini, and Mrs. Orthella Hughes, presented at a musical May 16, held at Oakland chapel. The affair was highly successful.

The Y.W.M.I.A. has been reorganized with Helen Smith as president, Leona Webb as first counselor, Verla Light, second counselor, and Dora Ashton as secretary.

Leonard B. Pearson and Dorothea Hodgdon have announced their marriage, a secret since last March 1. They will make their home in Oakland.

The lot which was originally bought for our chapel location has been sold and the ward is looking for a better one.

Our Sunday School guests for our Mother's Day program, held May 18th, were Clyde J. Summerhays and wife, and Lenora Kimball, who rendered two beautiful songs.

Hayward ward was honored by having two of our old members return—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Augar and their two children. Mr. Augar is now in Marine Medical Corps, stationed at South Carolina.

The Gleaner girls gave a surprise party for their leader, Mary Stewart, who has been teacher for three years, on the evening of May 24th, at the home of Mrs. Bernard Stewart. Mrs. Stewart was presented with a lovely gift.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

During May some outstanding programs were given through the organization. The final meeting of the M.I.A. was a program with dancing and refreshments following. Ruth Caine gave the M.I.A. theme, Denzil Allen a spiritual reading, a one-act play with the following cast: Frank Parsons, La Von Johnson, Mary Russell, Preston Erickson, George Sorensen and Barbara Smith.

The Conjoint evening program was given by the Beehive girls. Their theme, "Honoring Mothers, Past and Present," was beautifully given. As a token of her love each Beehive girl presented to her mother a lovely rose.

Under the direction of the Sunday School a program was given honoring "Mothers." Each mother received a beautiful gardenia. At the conclusion of the program and coming as a grand surprise, each Boy Scout mother received from her son a photograph of himself in uniform.

Primary conference was held Sunday evening, May 18th, with Superintendent Ann Sorenson presiding. The theme was "Service." Each group presented their idea of service in either song, story, dramatization, or pantomime with a tableau honoring mothers. The children always perform pleasingly and gave a splendid demonstration of the training they receive in Primary.

The officers of the Relief Society are making plans for a lovely afternoon for their closing meeting. A luncheon and splendid program will conclude a most successful and happy year.

Plans are being made for the Relief Society to sponsor a course in First Aid under the direction of the local Red Cross. There will be no charge for the course and at the conclusion a certificate will be awarded. It is hoped a large number of ladies will avail themselves of this splendid opportunity.

The Lambda Delta Sigmas have been entertained with Fireside programs at the homes of Reed Tolman, Reed Stone, Jack Smith, Shirley Plummer, Forest Ream and Wayne Mayhew. They held their annual dance at Hotel Claremont Friday evening, May 23rd.

Berkeley ward is well represented in graduates from the University. John Abersold is receiving his Phd., Edward Barrett is graduating from Boalt Hall school of law with the highest grades in his class, Oliver Fullmer and Newell Call each with a B.S.

Visiting in Berkeley are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fullmer, parents of Ollie; Mrs. Basil Kerr of Los Angeles, Carol Jean Moses of Beverly Hills.

Mrs. Charlotte Cummings has returned from Salt Lake City where she was called on account of the illness and death of her mother. Dr. and Mrs. Ray Knight were also called to Salt Lake City, where the doctor's mother underwent an operation; she is improving despite her 86 years.

Mrs. Isobel Banning Scarfe and small son left Berkeley for Virginia, where they will visit Mr. Scarfe, stationed there in the U. S. Naval service. Mrs. Sarah Banning accompanied her daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm Merrill are attending a medical convention in San Diego, where the doctor is giving a paper.

Berkeley will be represented at the June conference in Salt Lake City by the following: Mrs. Lindsay and Clyde, Mrs. Tolman, the Plummers and Shirley, the Rocks, Kathryn and Janice, Stones and Reed, Mel Peuterbaugh.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Amy Brinton and Mr. Newel T. Call at a party given in their honor at the home of Mrs. Hazel H. Caine on Saturday evening, May 17th.

Berkeley Camp, D. U. P., held its last meeting of the season Monday, May 21st, in the form of a picnic luncheon in the garden at the home of Captain Helen Beukers. Retiring Captain Clara Acomb was presented with a token of appreciation by the thirty-five members present.

VITAL STATISTICS

BLESSINGS:
Charles Steven Anderson, Elmhurst.
Clark Burton Stohl, William Cannon Glaques, Joseph William Owens, Lewis Stuart Hiton, Edward Leroy Dutro, Berkeley.
Don Elliott Campbell, Robert Arthur Brown, Eugenia Gayle Chamberlain, Michael David Hazel, Connie Rae Smith, Nancy Lee Foltz, Sandra Dorette Stith, Arvilla Eviadeen Smuin, Oakland.
Ellen Isabel Wanlass, Martinez.
Carol Ann Blake, Hayward.
Arthur McKay Mayfield, Richard Fred Taufer, Vallejo.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:
Charles Henry Neerings, Vallejo.
Carol Crockett, Vivian Nottage, Avanell Riber, Joseph Morrison, Hayward.
Blaine M. Anderson, Gabrielle Catherine Newman, Loretta Jane Brooks, Oakland.
Janet Elaine Anderson, Arlo W. Nish, Elmhurst.
Richard Hardisty, Roland Davis, Jr., Berkeley.

ORDINATIONS:
Deacons:
Jack Henrie, Berkeley; Eugene Muir, Elmhurst.
Teacher:
Eugene Henrie, Berkeley.
Priests:
Cortlan Hancock, Gordon Shea, Berkeley; Sidney Seversen, Vallejo.
Elder:
James Barry, Napa.

MARRIAGES:
Leonard B. Pearson of Hayward and Dorothea Hodgdon, March 1, 1941.
Newel T. Call and Amy Brinton of Berkeley, in the Salt Lake Temple, May 29.

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